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For: LIGHT BRANCHING APPARATUS AND OPTICAL COMMUNICATION
SYSTEM USING THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-8 and 17-19 have been canceled to allow prosecution of claims 9-16. No
new matter has been added.